

**periculant** (pĕr'ik'ul-ant), *adj.* [L. *periculans*, pres. part.] Being in danger. *Rare.*  
**pericentium** (pĕr'ik'ul-ĭ-um), *n.*, pl. -ia (-i-ā). [L.] *Rom. & Civil Law.* Danger; peril; risk.  
**pericyclole** (pĕr'ik'ul-ĭ-ā), *n.* [Gr. *perikytlos* spherical, round about. See *perikytlos*.] A thin layer of paracymbium or sclerenchymatous cells immediately surrounding the stoma in most plants. The layer consists of one to several rows, in trees often discontinuous, forming groups of cells. It separates the primary phloem from the endodermis or (if the endodermis is lacking) from the cortex. See **BAST**; **STEM**, *Illustr.*

**pericycloid** (pĕr'ik'ul-ĭ-oid), *n.* *Math.* The epicycloidal curve traced by a point on the circumference of a circle which rolls on a smaller fixed circle, the contact being internal.  
**pericyclone** (pĕr'ik'ul-ĭ-ōn), *n.* [peri + *cyclone*.] *Meteorol.* The boundary line or ring of slightly rising pressure that usually precedes and partly surrounds a cyclonic storm area. — **pericyclon** (pĕr'ik'ul-ĭ-ōn), *adj.*

**periole** (pĕr'io-lē), *n.* [NL., fr. *peri-* + *ole*.] *Anat.* The vascular and connective tissue surrounding a cyst or bladder. — **periole** (pĕr'io-lē), *adj.*  
**periosteal** (pĕr'io-stē-āl), *adj.* *Anat.* Situated around a cell; pericellular.

**periderm** (pĕr'ī-dĕrm), *n.* [peri + *derm*.] 1. *Bot.* The cortical tissue, which forms the outer bark, derived from growth of the phellogen. Its inner portion is pheloderm, its outer phellum, or cork.  
 2. *Zool.* The pericard of a hydroid.

**peridermal** (pĕr'ī-dĕrm-āl), *adj.*  
**Peridermium** (pĕr'ī-dĕrm'ī-um), *n.* [NL., fr. *peri-* + *dermo* + *ium*.] *Bot.* A form genus of rust fungi (Uredinales imperfecti) having only the pycnia and aecial stages, characterized by the irregularly split or torped-shaped. Many fungi formerly included in this genus have, since the discovery of their telial stages, been placed in various other genera, as *Cyrtosporium*, *Coleosporium*, etc. b [not cap.] A rust of this genus.

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**peritonitis** (pĕr'it-ō-nĭ-tis), *n.* [NL. See **PERI-**.] *Med.* Inflammation of the peritoneal coat of the intestines.

**peritonitis** (pĕr'it-ō-nĭ-tis), *n.* [NL.] *Zool.* A peritonitis derived from the blastocoele.

**peritric** (pĕr'it-ric), *n.* [NL.] *Med.* Inflammation of the peritoneal coat of the stomach.

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2. Capable of inflicting harm or injury; dangerous; dreadful. Cf. **PERIL**; **PERIL**. For *am* serious with a knife in hand. *Chaucer.*

**perilous**, *adj.* — **perilousness**, *n.*  
**perils of the sea.** *Insurance.* Perils or risks proximately resulting from the dangers peculiarly involved in sea navigation; sea risks.

**perils of war.** *Marine Insurance.* The war hazards specifically assumed under a marine policy.

**perilymph** (pĕr'ī-lĭm-f), *n.* *Anat.* The fluid between the membranous and bony labyrinth of the ear.

**perilymphatic** (pĕr'ī-lĭm-f-ĭ-ĭk), *adj.* Pertaining to, or containing, perilymph. b *Perilymphatic.*

**perimartium** (pĕr'ī-mār'tĭ-um), *n.* [NL., fr. *peri-* + *L. Mars, Martia, Mars.*] *Astron.* That apex of the orbit of a satellite of Mars nearest the planet.

**perimartial** (pĕr'ī-mār'tĭ-āl), *adj.* Pertaining to the area immediately surrounding the pith in plants.

**perimetris** (pĕr'ī-mĕ'trĭ-s), *n.* [NL., fr. *peri-* + *Gr. metron, measure.*] *Anat.* The whole outer boundary of a body or figure, or the measure of the same.

2. Periphery or outline; also, *Rare*, surrounding space.

3. *Optics.* An instrument for examining the discriminative powers of different parts of the retina. It may consist of an adjustable semicircular arm with a fixation point for the eye and variable stations for the visual stimuli. b A somewhat similar instrument used in studying auditory space perception.

**perimetris** (pĕr'ī-mĕ'trĭ-s), *adj.* Also **perimetrical** (-ĭ-k-āl). Of or pertaining to the perimeter or periphery. — **perimetricaly**, *adv.*

**perimetris** (pĕr'ī-mĕ'trĭ-s), *adj.* [peri + *Gr. metra uterus.*] *Anat.* A round or near the uterus. b Pertaining to the perimetrium.

**perimetris** (pĕr'ī-mĕ'trĭ-s), *n.* [NL. See **PERI-**.] *Med.* Inflammation of the perimetrium covering the uterus. — **perimetris** (pĕr'ī-mĕ'trĭ-s), *adj.*

**perimetris** (pĕr'ī-mĕ'trĭ-s), *n.* [NL., fr. *peri-* + *Gr. metra uterus.*] *Anat.* The perimetrium covering the fundus and ventral and dorsal aspects of the uterus.

**perimetris** (pĕr'ī-mĕ'trĭ-s), *n.* 1. *PERIMETER*, 1. *Rare*. 2. *Optics.* Use of the perimeter; measurement of the field of vision.

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